

Safety Day Activities of the Bureau of Land Management South Dakota Field Office – April 22nd 2005

“The Power of Persuasion – Learning About Alcohol and Driving”



On Friday April 22nd, the South Dakota Field office celebrated the Department of the Interior 2005 National Safety and Health Week by hosting South Dakota Highway Patrol Officers. The officers presented training on Drunk Driving for the office. Events featured an effective powerpoint presentation and demonstration of some interesting interactive teaching tools.

The favorite learning experience was the **“Fatal Vision Goggles”** that gave employees the opportunity to experience “under the influence” first hand. The troopers had employees wear three different pairs of goggles, each simulating various levels of intoxication. The goggles proved very effective. Users agreed that even the simplest tasks, such as walking became challenging while wearing the goggles. The troopers also “ran” employees through the various sobriety tests they use. One of the most common mistakes people make when completing the tests is following simple instructions.

The training was an “eye opening” experience for most. It was amazing to discover the power of persuasion from a pair of goggles. Editorial Note: Your SafetyNet manager wonders if the goggles were necessary -- possibly a longer-term, but a very strictly controlled and regulated actual-case demonstration for the non-believers?